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## Ontario Invests In Greenstone Airport Infrastructure Improvements - #950128

Expanded Services Will Mean New Business and Job Opportunities

GREENSTONE – The Ontario government is investing in the expansion of industrial and commercial space at Greenstone Regional Airport to help bring new business and jobs to the community, Thunder-Bay-Superior North MPP Michael Gravelle announced today on behalf of Northern Development and Mines Minister Rick Bartolucci.

"The Greenstone Regional Airport has a critical role to play in terms of supporting the community's investment readiness strategies," said Gravelle. "Since all available serviced land at the airport is now occupied, this expansion project will enable future development that will help our community grow and prosper."

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) will provide $692,700 to the Municipality of Greenstone to develop nine commercial lots at the airport. The project includes land preparation and engineering to support construction of an access road linking Highway 11, via MacOdrum Drive, to the west of the existing commercial sites, and connecting the new lots to the municipal water treatment plant to service existing commercial lots, the airport terminal building and the new lots. The project is expected to result in the relocation of an expanding local helicopter services company to a new lot and in the construction of a new hangar at this new location. The Greenstone Regional Airport also serves as a Ministry of Natural Resources northwest fire management base.

"Since 2003, investments in infrastructure, postsecondary education, research and innovation and key economic sectors have helped strengthen Ontario's economic foundations and continue to build opportunity," said Bartolucci, who chairs the NOHFC. "I am extremely proud to be working with all our municipal partners to tap new and emerging opportunities for community development in the North."

Other McGuinty government initiatives in support of prosperity in the Greenstone area include:

- Investing $353,200 to help the municipality install fibre optic equipment that will enable high-speed Internet service
- Investing $100,000 to carry out the second phase of site selection for an industrial park

• Providing $30,000 to study the practicality and cost of using biomass material from the Greenstone area as fuel in energy systems.

This NOHFC project is part of the government's Northern Prosperity Plan for building stronger northern communities. The Northern Prosperity Plan has four pillars: Strengthening the North and its Communities; Listening to and Serving Northerners Better; Competing Globally; and Providing Opportunities for All.

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